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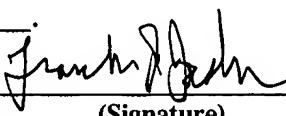
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 21, 2006 please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: